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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/720,086; § 371 Date: July 23, 2001  
For: ***De Novo DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase  
Genes, Polypeptides and Uses Thereof***  
Inventors: LI *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0609.4560002/KRM/DJN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,520.00 to cover: \$1,020.00- Petition for Extension of Time fee for three months and \$500.00- Notice of Appeal fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
3. Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity;
4. Supplemental Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116;
5. Courtesy copy of Examiner Interview Summary dated 2/27/2007; and
6. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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 <b>Interview Summary</b> MAR 06 2007		Application No.	Applicant(s)
		09/720,086	LI ET AL.
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		Alana M. Harris, Ph.D.	1643

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 04 December 2006.

Type: a)  Telephonic b)  Video Conference  
 c)  Personal [copy given to: 1)  applicant 2)  applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)  Yes e)  No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,3-10, 13 and 25-50.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)  was reached. g)  was not reached. h)  N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 PRIMARY EXAMINER  
 12/04/2006

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Participants discussed specifically independent claims 1, 8-10, 31, 38 and 44. The Examiner made claim language suggestions to fellow participants, such as adding the recitation "fully" for sections f and e of claims that read on a single polynucleotide sequence. Participants also discussed the pending double patenting rejection, as well as 112, 1st written description rejection of claim 10. Participants pointed out page 11, lines 4-7 and page 21, lines 7-25 as support for claim 10. The Examiner noted to fellow participants that she would review those passages of the specification and reconsider all pending issues upon receipt of after-final response..